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ARGENTINE ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (MASA); IS-
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FILES OF THE BUENOS AIRES OFFICE CONTAIN INFORMATION
REGARDING AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE FRENTE ANTI-IMPERIALISTA
POR EL SOCIALISMO (ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT THROUGH SOCIALISM)
(FAS) WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY [FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA)] SOURCES AS BEING A FRONT GROUP OF THE ARGENTINE SOCIALIST
WORKERS PARTY WHOSE BASIC OBJECTIVES ARE FREEING SO-CALLED
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA, THE LIFTING OF THE STATE OF
SIEGE, ELECTIONS IN PROVINCES WHERE FEDERAL INTERVENTORS HAVE
BEEN NAMED AND THE REPEAL OF ALLEGEDLY REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION.

FILES OF THE BUENOS AIRES OFFICE ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION
WHICH APPEARED IN THE APRIL 11, 1971 ISSUE OF "CLARIN", A
SPANISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN BUENOS AIRES
WHICH ORIGINATED WITH THE FRANCE PRESS AGENCY IN MADRID, SPAIN,
INDICATING THAT FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN DOMINGO PERON,
WHO AT THE TIME WAS IN EXILE IN SPAIN, HAD ACCEPTED THE PRESIDENCY

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OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE "CLARIN" ARTICLE, THE BUENOS AIRES ORGANIZERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT CLAIM THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED BY A GROUP OF ARGENTINE PERONISTS IN ORDER TO "BRING ABOUT A COALITION OF NATIONALIST-POPULIST-REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS AND MOVEMENTS TO FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION." THE "CLARIN" ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT WAS AGAINST UNITED STATES POLICIES AND THE ORGANIZATION CLAIMED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT ALLENDE AND PRESIDENTS JUAN JOSE TORRES AND JUAN VELASCO ALVARADO RESPECTIVELY OF BOLIVIA AND PERU.

BUENOS AIRES FILES INDICATE THAT DOMINGO MENNA WAS A LEADER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TROTSKYITE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION UNTIL 1972. ON AUGUST 15, 1972, TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF THE ERP, THE "FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS" (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES) (FAR) AND THE MONTONEROS ESCAPED FROM RAWSON PRISON IN CHUBUT PROVINCE, ARGENTINA, IN A COORDINATED ACTION. ANOTHER GROUP OF TERRORISTS TOOK OVER THE NEARBY TRELEW



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AIRPORT AND DETAINED AN AUSTRAL JET AIRCRAFT UNTIL THE RAWSON PRISON ESCAPEES BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS THEN FORCED TO FLY TO SANTIAGO, CHILE. AT FIRST, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OF SALVADOR ALLENDE ASSURED THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THAT MENNA AND HIS FELLOW HIJACKERS WOULD NOT BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM BUT ON AUGUST 25, 1972 THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT GRANTED THEM ASYLUM AND ALLOWED THEM TO DEPART CHILE VIA A CUBANA AIRLINER FOR CUBA.

MENNA IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE ARGENTINE, APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS OF AGE, HEIGHT, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, WEIGHT, APPROXIMATELY 160-170, AND BLACK HAIR, WHO, IN 1972, SPORTED A THICK MUSTACHE AND WAS GROWING A BEARD. [A PHOTOGRAPH OF MENNA HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE FPA.] (S) (U)

BUENOS AIRES OFFICE FILES DISCLOSE THAT FRANCISCO JULIAN LICASTRO WAS A FIRST LIEUTENANT IN THE ARGENTINE ARMY UNTIL 1955, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JUAN DOMINGO PERON WAS OVERTHROWN BY A MILITARY COUP. AFTER PERON RETURNED TO POWER IN 1973, LICASTRO BECAME THE POLITICAL SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY. RECENTLY, LICASTRO WAS DESIGNATED AS THE ARGENTINE CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO.

ON OCTOBER 20, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS), ADVISED AN AAIS SOURCE IN THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON AUGUST 22, 1975, A HANDBILL APPEARED IN NEW YORK CITY ANNOUNCING THAT A COLOR FILM OF ONE HOUR AND FIFTY MINUTE DURATION CALLED, "ARGENTINA-LOS TRAIADORES" (ARGENTINA-THE TRAITORS), WOULD BE SHOWN AT THE CASA DE LAS AMERICAS (CDLA) AT 104 WEST 14TH STREET, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, AT 8:00 P.M., ON AUGUST 23, 1975. THIS HANDBILL ANNOUNCED THAT A MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CDLA TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN TRELEW ON AUGUST 22, 1971. A TWO-DOLLAR FEE WAS COLLECTED AT THE DOOR OF THE CDLA AND ERP AND MONTONERO BANNERS ADORNED THE MEETING HALL. APPROXIMATELY 200 INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT, WITH 150 BEING ARGENTINE RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CDLA, THE NEWSPAPER, "DENUNCIA" PUBLISHED BY THE ~~(S)~~

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MASA, P. O. BOX 134, TIMES SQUARE STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10036, WAS BEING SOLD. THIS NEWSPAPER CONTAINS A REPRODUCTION OF THE MASA EMBLEM, WHICH IS A FIVE-POINTED STAR IDENTICAL TO THE ERP EMBLEM. AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN "DENUNCIA" MENTIONS ERP LEADERS MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, DOMINGO MENNA, MARCOS OSATINSKY (WHO WAS RECENTLY KILLED IN CORDOBA PROVINCE BY CORDOBA PROVINCE POLICE OFFICERS), AND FERNANDO BACA NARVAJA. WHEN THE AAIS SOURCE, WHO ATTENDED THE CDLA MEETING, ARRIVED AT THE CDLA PREMISES AT 6:30 P.M., AN ARGENTINE MALE, BELIEVED TO BE DOMINGO MENNA, WAS GIVING A SPEECH. THIS INDIVIDUAL INDICATED THAT HE HAD TAKEN PART IN THE RAWSON PRISON BREAK AND HAD BEEN IN CHILE AND CUBA BUT HAD RECENTLY RETURNED TO ARGENTINA TO FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION. THE SPEAKER CLAIMED THAT MASA WAS AN IMPORTANT NON-CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED LEGALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE SPEAKER MENTIONED THAT MASA WAS ACTIVE IN VARIOUS U. S. CITIES, INCLUDING MIAMI, NEW YORK, AND SAN FRANCISCO, AS WELL AS OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES. (S) (U)

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THE AAIS OFFICIAL MADE AVAILABLE THE #3 ISSUE OF "DENUNCIA", TOGETHER WITH THE AAIS INFORMANT'S REPORT AND A COPY OF THE HANDBILL DISTRIBUTED IN NEW YORK CITY ON AUGUST 22, 1975. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[IT APPEARS THAT THE CIA SOURCE IN BUENOS AIRES IS CONNECTED WITH THE AAIS, SINCE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THIS OFFICE AND CIA IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOMINGO MENNA WILL BE POUCHED TO THE BUREAU VIA AIRTEL, AS WELL AS A NO. 3 COPY OF "DENUNCIA" AND THE AUGUST 22, 1975 HANDBILL.

DURING 1971, [THE FPA ADVISED] ~~(S)~~ (U) THAT MENNA, SHOULD HE BE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA, IN A COUNTRY WITH AN EXISTING EXTRADITION TREATY WITH ARGENTINA, WOULD BE EXTRADITED ON CHARGES OF THEFT OF MILITARY PROPERTY, IMPERSONATION AND HIJACKING. REFER TO BUENOS AIRES LETTER AND LHM TO THE BUREAU CAPTIONED, "ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; IS-ARGENTINA", DATED OCTOBER 13, 1972.



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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE NYO INITIATE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IN FACT MENNA WAS IN NEW YORK CITY ON AUGUST 23, 1975 AND WHETHER HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE KNOWN AT PRESENT.

SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS. COL. VALIN REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CDLA AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE FBI MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH REGARD TO DOMINGO MENNA OR MASA ACTIVITIES IN THE U. S. DIRECTED AGAINST ARGENTINA. COL. VALIN WAS PROVIDED WITH GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CDLA AND ITS PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION, CASA CUBA. ~~(S)~~(U)

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